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Letters:

Keep Red Cross ready

FROM: Appomattox Chapter, American Red Cross
TO: Citizens of Appomattox County

We urge you to read this brief message and to respond. It is about the services of the American Red Cross and the Appomattox County Fund Campaign.

The services of the American Red Cross are valuable to all of us. When a disaster occurs, Red Cross is there. When blood is needed for the treatment of the ill and injured, Red Cross meets the need. Red Cross gives support and aid to the Armed Forces and veterans.

There are many other areas in which the American Red Cross works to help avoid emergencies, prepare for emergencies and to cope with emergencies if they arise. The Red Cross services are very valuable to our county and we cannot afford to be without their service in our county.

Here in Appomattox, the Red Cross Chapter sponsors the Bloodmobile visits each year. During these visits citizens of the county give blood which is used in area hospitals for treatment of the ill and injured. Many of our county citizens volunteer their services to assist with the Bloodmobile units.

Our county goal is $1,939.00. Have you given this year? Help us meet this goal.

Help keep Red Cross in Appomattox County ready.

Says reader

Olympic folly noted

Great damage has already been done to prevent chances of this summer's olympic games in Russia from being a successful non-political competition between athletes of amateur standing. Even though communist country participants are, in fact, their professionals - competing against free-world amateurs!

What can be done to help prevent reoccurances of political damage in these athletic events that were meant originally to be non-political in nature? My experiences have led to a number of cities where winter and summer olympics have taken place: Berlin, Germany; Oslo, Norway; Montreal, Canada; Innsbrisck, Austria; Squaw Valley, Calif.; and Lake Placid, N.Y. These experiences have helped me conclude that games should be held in relatively speaking neutral countries: the summer games in Greece where the olympics were first organized and the winter games in Switzerland or perhaps Sweden or Austria.

Permanent locations in neutral countries would spare the huge expense of facility building and preparation that has to be done at two new locations every four years. All countries could also feel that they shared also in being a host - just as most countries support the United Nations. In 1984 Los Angeles is scheduled to host the summer olympics. Cannot we visualize Russia and her satelites boycotting them?

After all we remember the saying:

"When the Great Scorer comes
To mark your fame,
It matters not whether you won or lost,
But how you played the game."

Most Sincerely Yours,
Shelton H. Short, III
Chase City, Virginia
(in Lech-am-Arlberg, Austria)

Taylor expresses thanks

Dear Editor,

The announcement by your paper on April 10 about the TITLE I meeting at the APPOMATTOX ELEMENTARY SCHOOL was very much appreciated. The Parent Advisory Council hopes the more widely publicized the meetings are the more parents will be involved in their children's learning. TITLE I is a very important learning experience for students needing additional reading and/or math instruction and participation by parents is essential. The space made available to announce the meeting was helpful.

Thank You,
Judy R. Taylor

Spawning fellowship

The benefit of light

By WILLIAM L. TRIMYER

Lesson for April 27, 1980
Scripture References: I John 1: 3:19 to 4:6
Focal Passages: I John 1:5-10; 4:1-6
Light Produces Fellowship (I John 1:5-7)

The opening lines of I John are concerned with the heretical teachings of those who attacked the deity and humanity of Jesus, arguing that Jesus only "appeared" to be human. Thus, the early church faced a critical battle to preserve truth and to form a close fellowship.

John's focus of concern is for the Christian to develop a fellowship that is both horizontal (person to person) and vertical (person to God). Such a fellowship is naturally an outgrowth of those who "walk in the light."

The good news for the Christian is that God is a God of light, "and in him is no darkness at all." We generally associate darkness with sin, disease, demons, death, loneliness and nighttime. John uses the term as a reference to sin, meaning that those who live and walk in darkness (sin) cannot possibly have and enjoy fellowship with God.

Still another point that John makes is that those who continue to walk in darkness and claim fellowship with God are liars. We all know someone who claims allegiance to God but whose lifestyles and attitudes are contrary to the spirit of Christ. There are those who take advantage of religious positons and engage in selfish enterprises, all in the name of religion.

John reminds his readers that if they walk in the light of truth, then they will enjoy fellowship with one another and experience forgiveness through Christ. This is the good news of God's Gospel!

Light Produces Forgiveness (I John 1:8-10)

Contrary to some opinions, there are no perfect people. Even those who claim to follow close to the path of Jesus have their warts and blemishes. It isn't even remotely possible that anyone's claim to fame could be perfection. Such a claim could only be made in the early beginnings when God set perfect man within a perfect setting. But we blew it!

John reminds us again that to claim that we are without sin is not only arrogant but also self-deceiving. Sin is an expensive item in the economy of life.

The Bible and daily living

Nothing costs as much as sin, not even a house, a car, or this month's electric bill! Sin is the most expensive thing in the world. It becomes even more expensive when it is unforgiven. The evidence of unforgiven sin is reflected in broken relationships and broken people. Unforgiven sin may also manifest itself in disease and emotional illness.

But the good news of the Bible is that we may experience healing through forgiveness, which comes when-we are able to open ourselves and confess our sins. The "outpouring" of our sin frees us from the aweful burden of having to live-and perhaps die-with it. But we humans have a built-in defensiveness that often prevents us from enjoying the fruits of confession and forgiveness.

When we are ready to confess our sin we are then able to receive and enjoy the acceptance of God. It is a beautiful feeling to know that we are accepted and forgiven. We know what that feels like in human relationships. Just think what that is like in terms of our relationship to God!

Light Produces Truth (I John 4:1-6)

What is truth? Which is the best soap or toothpaste to use? There are conflicting "truths" floating around our world. If you turn on the television you get conflicting reports concerning what is going on in the realm of politics and economy. Even in the realm of religion there is conflict over which religion or denomination embodies truth. How can we know what is truth? Are there some principles to go by in discerning truth? John's answer is yes. The bottom line question is this: what does a doctrine say about Jesus Christ? We are to "try the spirits" to see if they are of God. Truth will win out because it has already won. Because God is truth, therefore truth will survive the tests of time and attack. When we embrace truth we cast out error.

Dr. Trimyer is pastor of Elon Baptist Church in Pamplin, Va.

The pastor speaks

By KITCH SHATZER

"I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord.'" "He must increase, but I must decrease." [John 1:23; 3:30]

The campaign for the presidency of our nation is in full swing. Every political candidate, many a corporation, almost every one of us, cares a great deal about what image he or she projects. Millions of dollars and hours and hours of time are spent trying to insure an image toward which people will be favorably disposed.

John the Baptist was one of those in the New Testament who seems to have cared little or nothing about what people throught about him. He didn't care what they thought about his clothes, his diet, or his place of residence. He didn't care what they thought about his words being offensive or uncouth. His single passion was that his message might be heard, really heard!

John's single-minded purpose was to direct everyone who would give him audience to Christ. John was one of the self-effacing persons. It would seem that he could be content to look in a mirror and not see himself. His consuming ambition was to be such a persuasive voice that a vast multitude would give attention, suitably reform their lives in preparation, and commit themselves to and follow the Messiah when John would point to him. John would be content if people looking for him should see only Jesus Christ: "He must increase, but I must decrease."

We who have chosen to follow the Christ whom John the Baptist pointed to, must take his example in our efforts to bring others to Christ. Our efforts must be guided by Christ, putting him first, pointing in all we say and do to him who we are trying to proclaim. His way is straight - let us not take any detours or take others off the path.

'Inspirations' to appear at ACHS May 1

"A Night of Inspiration," as it is called, will present The Inspirations vocal group singing approximately 40 songs per night. During this time you'll be hearing first tenor Archie Watkins singing higher and louder and better than ever. Archie has been the first tenor for the group since its organization in the spring of 1964. He is featured on some of the best songs ever written such as "The Wedding Invitation" and "The First Day of My Life."

You'll hear Troy Burns, who has been with The Inspirations since he came off the tricycle, singing his best songs such as "You'll Never Know" and "A Better Place To Go." He will be switching parts on a lot of songs and playing some of the instruments.

And of course the "Ole Bear Hunter," Jack Laws, will be singing baritone most of the time, but will be featured on songs like "Unspeakable Love" and "Jesus Climbed Every Mountain for Me." He too will be playing some of the instruments.

Big Mike Holcomb will be singing some low down bass on the foot stompin, hand clappin spirituals "When God Dips His Pen of Love in My Heart," and "I'm Bound for That City" plus the old favorite "The Family Bible."

Martin Cook, manager and MC for the group, will be playing the piano in his own style as he has all these years. It was he who organized The Inspirations from his students in Swain County High School in Bryson City, N.C.

Roger Fortner will be playing about four different instruments as well as singing baritone in the new group from within The Inspirations called The Pickers Quartet.

Dale Jones is a very talented musician capable of playing the steel, lead, bass and rythm guitars. He has also surprised many folks with his singing. Dale is singing baritone in a new group from within The Inspirations called the Pickers Quartet.

As you can see during "A Night of Inspiration" there is a lot of singing and there is a lot of switching as to who sings and plays what when. It is a full evening of presenting the gospel in song and testimony. We trust you will make it a part of your evening on May 1, 1980 at 7:30 p.m. at the Appomattox County High School.

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Mrs. Paul Ashley McClary

Miss Hughes is wed to Mr. McClary

The marriage of Miss Doris Mae Hughes to Paul Ashley McClary took place Saturday, April 21, 1980 at 2 o'clock in Liberty Baptist Church in Appomattox.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Sidney W. Hughes of Appomattox and the late Mr. Hughes, and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. McClary, also of Appomattox.

The Rev. Rex Bennett, pastor of the church, officiated at the double ring ceremony.

A program of nupital music was presented by Mrs. Donna Small, organist, of Appomattox, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Vaughan of Spout Spring sang "The Wedding Song," "For Baby," and "Gentle Shepard."

The bride was escorted by her brother, Dale Hughes of Appomattox, and given in marriage by her mother. The bride wore a white organza dress featured with an empire bodice and Queen Anne's neckline decorated with venise lace. The sheer bishop sleeves were trimmed at the cuffs with venise lace. The skirt had a center front insert of pleated organza and an attached chapel length train. She wore a fingertip veil of silk illusion appliqued with flowers, which was edged with complimentary lace. The cap was Juliet style covered with laced flowers and decorated with pearls.

She carried a bouquet of white rose buds, white daisies and baby's breath.

Mrs. Patsy Pierce of Appomattox, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. She wore a slipper length beige floral dress featuring a cowl neck, sleeveless with draw strings on shoulders and tie belt. She carried a bouquet of pink daisies with pink and blue streamers.

Other attendants were Miss Janet Fitzgerald, Miss Nancy Stratton, Mrs. Cindy Watson, and Mrs. Debbie Drinkard, all of Appomattox. They wore a slipper length light blue satin dress made identical to the matron of honor and carried a bouquet of pink daisies with blue streamers.

Mr. McClary served as his son's best man. Ushers were Mr. Jimmy McClary, brother of the groom, Mr. Greg Love, Mr. Dwayne Scruggs and Mr. H. L. Williamson, Jr., all of Appomattox.

Misses Lori Goin and Susan Cheatham of Appomattox were flower girls and Master Scott Goin of Appomattox was ring bearer.

Directors were Mrs. Herbert Garrett of Spout Spring and Mrs. Robert Garrett of Appomattox.

Miss Sue Thomas of Appomattox and Miss Debbie McFadden of Gladstone registered the guests.

Following the ceremony the bride's mother was host for a reception in the church social hall. The reception was hosted by Mrs. June Chenault and Mrs. Edith Scruggs. Serving were Mrs. Lynn Porton, Mrs. Shelly Bryant, Miss Sheryl Martin, Miss Donna Mitchell, Mrs. Cora Fitzgerald and Mrs. Nancy Grishaw.

The bride is a graduate of Appomattox County High School.

The bridegroom attended Appomattox County High School.

After a wedding trip to the Peaks of Otter the couple will make their home in Yorktown, Va., where the bridegroom is stationed while serving a tour of duty with the United States Coast Guard.

Miss Anita Bea Dickman

Miss Dickman is wed to Mr. Rensing

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton R. Dickman, of Bella Vista, Ar., announces the engagement of their daughter, Anita Bea, to Mr. Thomas Rensing, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Rensing Vilonia, Ar.

Miss Dickman was graduated from Rogers High School, Rogers, Ark., in 1976. She will graduate May 17, 1980 from the University of Arkansas with a degree in Fashion Merchandising. Anita has been employed with Penny's of Fayetteville and will accept a position as trainee with Penny's in Houston, Texas in June.

Mr. Rensing was graduated from Vilonia High School in 1974. He received his Bachelor of Architecture degree in 1979 from the University of Arkansas and has been employed with the firm of Mott, Mobley, McGrowan and Griffin in Fort Smith, Ar. He will be transferring to Houston, Texas in June.

The wedding will take place at Bella Vista United Methodist Church, May 24, 1980 at 2 p.m. in Bella Vista, Ar.

Anita is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd P. Inge, of Pamplin, Va.

Mrs. Donald H. Abernathy

Miss Cuneo is wed to Mr. Abernathy

Mr. and Mrs. White Cuneo announce the marriage of their daughter, Penny Ann, to Donald H. Abernathy, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Cloud Abernathy on April 4, 1980.

The couple will make their home in Spout Spring, Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard E. Martin

Martins celebrate 50th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard E. Martin of Route 2, Concord, Virginia were honored Sunday afternoon, April 20, 1980 between two and five o'clock with a reception in their home in celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

The reception was given by their daughter, Mrs. Gertrude Burge and their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Allen Tweedy. They have five grandchildren and one great grandchild.

The home was decorated with arrangements of candles, magnolias, baby's breath and yellow and white Spring flowers. A four-tier wedding cake was decorated with a water fountain and topped with a nosegay of Spring flowers.

Mrs. Rose Dowdy directed the reception and was assisted by Mrs. Arlene Loving, Mrs. Sara Harris and Mrs. Sue Doss.

Michelle Tweedy, granddaughter of the honorees, and Kathy Ramsey served the cake. Ms. Judy Jamerson, granddaughter of the honorees, and Mrs. Berta Lee Baird were at the punch bowl.

Tracy Tweedy and E. W. Martin, grandsons of the honorees, received the gifts which were opened and placed on tables for display by Mrs. Kathy Meador, Mrs. Thelma Mathews and Mrs. Josephine Morris.

Guests were requested to help compile a book which recalled memories from the honorees first fifty years of marriage by recording one event that had been shared with them on a remembrance card.

Pictures for the occasion were taken by Ricky Burge, grandson of the honorees.

Martins celebrate 60th anniversary

MR. AND MRS. GIBBS MARTIN of Route 4, Appomattox, Va. were honored on their 60th anniversary, Sunday, April 20, 1980. The former Lillian Fuller Drinkard and Maury Gibbs Martin were married on April 17, 1920 at her home in Appomattox County. They have two sons, M. G. (Dick) Martin, Jr. and Alfred C. Martin of Appomattox, and four daughters: Evelyn (Mrs. H. H. Moore, Jr.), Barbara (Mrs. L. W.) Carter, and Geraldine M. Moore all of Appomattox and Alice (Mrs. H. L.) Yeatts of Crewe, Va.

The long-married Martin couple also have 16 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. (Photo by Robert E. Pankey)

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Mrs. S. J. Evans has returned home after spending some time with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley C. Newcomb, in Poquoson and her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Thomas, in Newport News.

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Carter Coleman, of Lexington, is spending this week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. K. E. Coleman.

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Mr. and Mrs. Wesley C. Newcomb, of Poquoson, spent the weekend with their mothers, Mrs. S. J. Evans and Mrs. A. C. Newcomb of Lynchburg.

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Mrs. Tommy Stanley and Mrs. Jerry Small was host for a stork shower in the Small home in honor of Mrs. Chuck May. Mrs. May received many nice and useful gifts.

Rev. and Mrs. Bob Reese and son, Kenny, of Piedmont, S.C., visited in the home of Alice Stanley Friday evening.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harry Belcher, of Roanoke, and Mrs. Dick Mason and son, Chip, of Atlanta, Ga., spent Sunday in Appomattox with Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Stanley, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Small, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Chuck May and Alice Stanley.

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Mrs. A. V. "Joyce" Maddra, of Richmond, plans to spend a few days in Appomattox with Alice Stanley and other friends.

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Mrs. Russell Jamerson has returned home after undergoing eye surgery at Virginia Baptist Hospital.

Gunters announce birth of a son

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie L. Gunter, Jr. proudly announce the birth of a son, Thomas Zachary, born April 7 at the Virginia Baptist Hospital.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Thomas. Maternal great-grandmothers are Mrs. W. E. Lacy Sr., and Mrs. E. L. Thomas Sr.

Farm Bureau plans meeting

The Appomattox County Farm Bureau will hold its spring meeting on Saturday night, May 3, at 6:30 in the high school cafeteria.

This will be a dinner meeting and members are asked to bring two favorite dishes of vegetables, salads, or dessert.

The Miss Appomattox County Farm Bureau contest will be held. If you are interested in being a contestant and are age 16-22, please contact Mrs. Margaret Glover.

The cotton style revue will be held, also. All ladies are urged to enter.

Young ladies, 14 and over, can participate in the junior division, and ladies over 21 will be in the senior division.

Members will receive more information concerning the meeting at a later date.

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